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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the identification, designation, and
2 development of access Iowa highways.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 313.2B Access Iowa highways.

2 1. *Purpose.* It is the purpose of this section to formulate
3 an access Iowa plan which shall designate portions of the
4 commercial and industrial network of highways identified in
5 section 313.2A as access Iowa highways. The goal of the access
6 Iowa plan shall be to enhance the existing Iowa economy and
7 ensure its continuing development and growth in the national
8 and global competitive marketplace by providing for early
9 completion of the construction of the most important portions
10 of the Iowa highway system. These portions of the system
11 shall be those that are essential for support of intrastate
12 transportation and commerce and essential for ensuring Iowans
13 direct access to the nation's system of interstate highways and
14 transportation services.

15 2. *Access Iowa highway designation and development.* The
16 state transportation commission shall designate portions of
17 the commercial and industrial network of highways identified
18 in section 313.2A as access Iowa highways and shall expedite
19 and accelerate development of access Iowa highways. When
20 designating those portions of the commercial and industrial
21 network as access Iowa highways, the state transportation
22 commission shall give priority consideration to the
23 establishment of direct linkages between economic centers
24 within the state with populations of twenty thousand or more
25 and to the enhancement of intrastate mobility, Iowa regional
26 accessibility, and national accessibility.

27 Sec. 2. Section 307A.2, subsection 14, Code 2015, is amended
28 to read as follows:

29 14. Identify, within the primary road system, a network of
30 commercial and industrial highways in accordance with section
31 313.2A, and a network of access Iowa highways in accordance
32 with section 313.2B. The improvement of ~~this network~~ these
33 networks shall be considered in the development of the
34 long-range program and plan of improvements under this section.

35 Sec. 3. Section 312A.3, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code

1 2015, is amended to read as follows:

2 a. Completion of projects on highways designated as access
3 Iowa highways pursuant to ~~2005 Iowa Acts, ch. 178, §41~~ section
4 313.2B.

5 Sec. 4. Section 315.4, subsection 1, paragraph a,
6 subparagraph (2), Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

7 (2) Fifty percent for highways that have been designated
8 by the state transportation commission as access Iowa highways
9 pursuant to ~~2005 Iowa Acts, ch. 178, §41~~ section 313.2B.

10	EXPLANATION
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11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 The 2005 Iowa Acts provide for the designation of certain
14 highways as access Iowa highways, which receive priority
15 funding from certain moneys in the TIME-21 and RISE funds
16 created in Code sections 312A.2 and 315.2. These provisions
17 will be repealed by operation of law on July 1, 2015.

18 This bill codifies the Iowa Acts language relating to the
19 identification, designation, and development of access Iowa
20 highways. The bill provides that the state transportation
21 commission shall designate portions of the commercial and
22 industrial network of highways as access Iowa highways and
23 shall expedite and accelerate development of access Iowa
24 highways. When designating certain highways as access Iowa
25 highways, the state transportation commission shall give
26 priority consideration to the establishment of direct linkages
27 between economic centers within the state with populations of
28 20,000 or more and to the enhancement of intrastate mobility,
29 Iowa regional accessibility, and national accessibility.